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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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(Ltr. for CIA 6-4-81)SUBJECT: Collaboration with the British in the Communication
Intelligence Field, Continuation and Extension of.

You are aware of the outstanding contributions to the success of the allied forces in defeating Germany and Japan which have been made by the cryptanalytic units operating under the direction of the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations. Not only were many military and naval victories of the Allies made possible by learning the plans and intentions of the enemy, but also much important diplomatic and economic information, otherwise unobtainable, was furnished to cognizant authorities.

During the German and Japanese wars, the United States Army and Navy and the British Government Code and Cipher School collaborated closely in regard to cryptanalytic techniques and procedures and exchanged fully the intelligence derived from cryptanalysis.

The results of this collaboration were very profitable...

In view of the disturbed conditions of the world and the necessity of keeping informed of the technical developments and possible hostile intentions of foreign nations,...

it is recommended that you authorize continuation of collaboration between the United States and the United Kingdom in the field of communication intelligence.

We recommend, therefore, that the enclosed directive be issued.

James F. Byrnes *Franklin D. Roosevelt* *James V. Forrestal*
Secretary of State Secretary of War Secretary of the Navy
Acting

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Memorandum from the President to the Secretaries of State, War
(Stimson), and the Navy (Forrestal) 2

Washington, September 12, 1945.

~~MEMORANDUM FOR:~~

~~The Secretary of State
The Secretary of War
The Secretary of the Navy~~

The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are hereby authorized to direct the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army and the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations to continue collaboration in the field of communication intelligence between the United States Army and Navy and the British, and to extend, modify or discontinue this collaboration, as determined to be in the best interests of the United States.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

2 Signed by Truman.

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